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Prices for most New York produced fruit, vegetable, and field crops were lower than in 1998. Prices for most meat animals and eggs averaged lower for the year, while milk prices averaged sharply higher.

New York beef producers and dairy farmers with animals to sell saw average prices pull back from year-earlier levels. Steers and heifers averaged \$48.70 per cwt. during the year, down 3 percent from 1997, while slaughter cows were down 2 percent to \$32.30 over the same period. The combined price for all slaughter cattle averaged \$33.80 per cwt., down 2 percent from 1997. Calf prices averaged \$51.90 per cwt. during 1998, up 8 percent from a year earlier. At the National level, annual average

prices for all slaughter cattle combined averaged 6 percent lower.

New York pork producers saw prices for hogs average \$31.70 per cwt. in 1998, down a full 30 percent from a year earlier. Lamb prices were down 13 percent to \$86.70 per cwt. from the record high average price of \$100.00 in 1997. Table egg prices averaged 61.0 cents per dozen during the year, down 7 percent from 1997. At the U.S. level, 1998 hog prices averaged 35 percent lower, while lamb prices were down 20 percent. U.S. table egg prices declined 11 percent from the 1997 level.

Table 87. **CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI-U):** All Urban Consumers, City Average, Unadjusted, United States, 1989 to Date 1/ (1982-84=100)

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual avg.
1989	121.1	121.6	122.3	123.1	123.8	124.1	124.4	124.6	125.0	125.6	125.9	126.1	124.0
1990	127.4	128.0	128.7	128.9	129.2	129.9	130.4	131.6	132.7	133.5	133.8	133.8	130.7
1991	134.6	134.8	135.0	135.2	135.6	136.0	136.2	136.6	137.2	137.4	137.8	137.9	136.2
1992	138.1	138.6	139.3	139.5	139.7	140.2	140.5	140.9	141.3	141.8	142.0	141.9	140.3
1993	142.6	143.1	143.6	144.0	144.2	144.4	144.4	144.8	145.1	145.7	145.8	145.8	144.5
1994	146.2	146.7	147.2	147.4	147.5	148.0	148.4	149.0	149.4	149.5	149.7	149.7	148.2
1995	150.3	150.9	151.4	151.9	152.2	152.5	152.5	152.9	153.2	153.7	153.6	153.5	152.4
1996	154.4	154.9	155.7	156.3	156.6	156.7	157.0	157.3	157.8	158.3	158.6	158.6	156.9
1997	159.1	159.6	160.0	160.2	160.1	160.3	160.5	160.8	161.2	161.6	161.5	161.3	160.5
1998	161.6	161.9	162.2	162.5	162.8	163.0	163.2	163.4	163.6	164.0	164.0	163.9	163.0
1999	164.3	164.5	165.0	166.2	166.2	166.2							

1/ Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.